

**Reception**  
**Understanding the World**  
Autumn term 2021  
Theme- Pattern

**What should I know already?**

- Who I live with.
- That people are different.
- That I can use my hands to explore.
- Where I live (eg *house* in *Ketley* which is in *England*).
- **The difference between plants and animals.**
- About different occupations. Eg nurses and firefighters.
- That the natural environment and living things need to be respected and cared for.
- How to explore natural materials.
- Differences between families and communities.
- That materials are different and can change.

**I now need to know:**

- who members of my immediate family are.
- that I can use my 5 senses to explore.
- that a map is about a place and what a map is used for.
- how to talk about differences between people.
- **the life cycle of an animal.**
- that plants and animals grow and change over time.
- that there are seasons that repeat and go in order.

**Key Vocabulary**

**Elmer-** Herd, different, patchwork, jungle, bush, berries.

**Fruit-** Strawberries, lemon, lime, grapefruit, pomegranate, oranges, apples, banana, blueberries, coconut, pineapple, kiwi, different types of berries

**Texture/descriptions-** Spiky, soft, prickly, hairy, hard, smooth, rough, lumpy, heavy, light...

**Materials (natural)-** Wood, sand, straw, soil, coal, shells...

**The Tiger Who Came to Tea-** Once, tea, kitchen, milkman, grocer, furry, stripy, café.

**Fabulous Frogs-** Huge, tiny, smallest, nose, jump, leap, striped, noise, skin, hairy, breathe, poisonous, colours, pond, stream, eggs, tadpoles, hatch, pouch, throat, desert, damp.

**Different frogs-** Goliath, Darwin, Rocket, Bullfrog, Flying, Poison Arrow, African Clawed, Australian water-holding frog.

**Poland-** common phrases, counting to 5

**Tidy-** Neat, groom, untangle, brush, bath, sweep, polish, scour, scrub.

**Forest animals-** Badger, fox, owl, beetles, worms, rabbits, hedgehog, squirrels.

**Autumn-** Twigs, sticks, rocks, leaves, conkers, acorns, bare, flood.

**Materials-**

**(Movement)-** Blowing, falling, swirling, crunching, whirling, twirling, tumbling.

**The Fire Monster-** fire, monster, scary, hot, friendly, kind, leaves, paper, mud, sticks, big, bigger, small, smaller, water, sad, hungry, loud, quiet.

- similar and different properties of collections of materials.
- about different occupations of family members.
- how people in our community celebrate special days. Eg Christmas
- that there are differences between what people believe.
- that there are special places of worship. Eg Churches and Gurdwara.

**Meg and Mog-** Spells, potions, frogs, spiders, colours  
**The Little White Owl-** Knights, snowflakes, rockets, dragons, dinosaurs, castles, oceans, deserts, jewels, beaks, feathers, tail, plain, dotty, spotty, flowery, zigzag, stripy, speckled.

**(Movement)-** swooping, sweeping, tumbling, twirling

**India-** Common phrases, counting to 5.

**The Snowflake Mistake-** Ice palace, clouds, machine, roller, puncher, snow, squish, crunch, splat, crash, boing, bang, pop, snowballs, snip.

**Freezing and Melting-** frost, frosty, frozen, freezing, slippery, ice, cold,

**Seasons-** Autumn, Winter

**Activities**

Mirror paintings

Exploring fruit, berries

Learn about where we live- our family and homes.

Making tea

Learn about Poland. Eg Where (map), Common phrases (hello, goodbye), count to 5, food, homes.

Houses in Ketley- Pond walk and Forest walk.

Frog life cycle.

Autumn collections

- litter picking, guinea pig monitors...

Making fires

Learn about India. Where (map), Common phrases (hello, goodbye), things of importance (video), count to 5, food, dance, clothes, jewellery

Making chappatis, spiced/fruit/salt dough...

Freezing and Melting

Christmas

**Role Play areas-** Jungle Tree House, Elmer's Kitchen, Frog Leg Café, Spell Den, Santa's Workshop.

**Reading Corner-** Summer to Autumn, Autumn to Winter.

**Books**

The Colours of us

Hats of Faith

Elmer

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Fabulous Frogs

Tidy

The Fire Monster

Meg and Mog

The Little White owl

The Snowflake Mistake

**Welly Wednesday**- Weekly Forest School session (seasons).

**Daily Group Work**- Listen with Lucy and Phase 1 activities.

**Daily**- Nursery Rhymes.

**Daily**- Calendar.

**Languages of the month**- Polish